

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for obtaining water and/or water rights from willing sellers in the Walker River Basin, notice of scoping period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office, in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Phoenix Area Office, The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Lahontan Basin Area Office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, will direct preparation of an EIS to be produced by a third-party contractor analyzing the impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) of obtaining water and/or water rights from willing sellers on the human environment in the Walker River Basin.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Four public scoping meetings will be held in February and March, 2000 to allow the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. Representatives of the BLM, FOR, BIA, and FWS will be available to answer questions about the EIS process. Comments will be accepted until March 15, 2000. Scoping comments may be sent to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

The scheduled public meetings are:
Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way,
Yerington, NV 89447
February 16, 2000—7 p.m.
Mineral County Library, 110 1st Street,
Hawthorne, NV 89415
February 17, 2000—7 p.m.
Memorial Hall, School Street,
Bridgeport, CA 93517
February 23, 2000—7 p.m.
Carson City Field Office, BLM, 5665
Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV
89701

February 29, 2000—7 p.m.

A Draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be completed by August 25, 2000 and made available for public review and comment. The comment period on the DEIS will be 60 days from the date the Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For additional information, write to the Field Manager of the Carson City Field Office at the address listed in the agency section of this notice, call or email Walt Devaurs (BLM Team Leader) at (775) 885-6150, wdevaurs@nv.blm.gov or Mike McQueen (BLM NEPA Coordinator) at (775) 885-6120, mmcqueen@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed EIS schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period: February 1, 2000

Issue Draft EIS: August 25, 2000

Issue Final EIS: March 1, 2001

Issue Record of Decision: June 5, 2001

End 30-day Appeal Period/
Implementation: July 5, 2001

Dated: January 26, 2000.

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Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-056-1430-DB-24-1A]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Amend Plan.

SUMMARY: This notice of intent is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Richfield Field Office intends to consider a proposal which would require amending an existing planning document. The BLM is proposing to amend the Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan which includes public lands in Piute County, Utah. The purpose of the amendment would be to identify certain lands as suitable for direct sale pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The lands identified for direct sale comprise 23.09 acres described as follows: T. 30 S., R. 3 W., Section 21, Lots 2 and 5, Salt Lake Meridian, Utah.

DATES: The comment period for this proposed plan amendment will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Kay Erickson, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Richfield Field Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the Environmental Assessment and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or

businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Goodman, Richfield Field Office Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701 or telephone (801)896-1500. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing plan does not identify these lands for disposal. However, because of the resource values and public values and objectives involved, the public interest may well be served by sale of these lands. An environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1610-DG]

Planning Analysis, Arkansas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rescheduled public meeting/request for public input.

SUMMARY: Notice of a public meeting, scheduled for January 27, 2000, was published in **Federal Register** on December 28, 1999. Due to a winter storm, the meeting is rescheduled. The purpose of the meeting is to receive additional public input for a Planning Analysis of public land in Arkansas.

DATES: The rescheduled public meeting will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., February 24, 2000 at the Civic Center Gymnasium in Marshall Arkansas which is located in Searcy County.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Winters or Judy Pace, BLM, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206, (601) 977-5400.

Dated: January 26, 2000.

Duane Winters,

Acting Field Manager, Jackson.

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